

CLAIMS

The invention claimed is:

1. A carrier comprising a body of resilient material, said body including:

a bottom surface for engaging a vehicle roof and/or vehicle roof rack on which said carrier is to be mounted; and

a top surface including a plurality of raised protrusions defining a support surface sized and shaped to engage a piece of equipment, said plurality of protrusions also defining a first and at least a second support channel disposed substantially transverse to said support surface, said first and said second support channel sized and shaped to engage a first fastener.

2. The carrier as claimed in claim 1 wherein at least a portion of a first and at least a second side of said body further include a third and at least a fourth support channel, respectively, said third and fourth support channel sized and shaped to engage at least a second fastener.

3. The carrier as claimed in claim 2 wherein said third and said fourth support channel are aligned with said first and said second support channel.

4. The carrier as claimed in claim 3 wherein said bottom surface further includes at least a fifth support channel disposed longitudinally and aligned with said third and fourth support channel, said fifth support channel sized and shaped to accept said second fastener.

5. The carrier as claimed in claim 4 wherein said bottom surface further includes a first cavity disposed longitudinally, said cavity sized and shaped to engage at least part of a roof rack on said vehicle roof.

6. The carrier as claimed in claim 2 wherein said support surface is contoured to said piece of equipment.

7. The carrier as claimed in claim 2 wherein said support surface further includes a slot disposed substantially perpendicular to said support surface, said slot sized and shaped to contain at least part of said piece of equipment.

8. The carrier as claimed in claim 7 wherein said slot further includes a cavity disposed at an end opposite said support surface.

9. The carrier as claimed in claim 8 wherein said cavity is substantially semi-circular.

10. A carrier comprising a body of resilient material, said body including:

a roof engagement surface disposed about at least a portion of a bottom of said body for engaging a vehicle roof and/or roof rack on which said carrier is to be mounted;

a plurality of raised protrusions disposed about a top of said body defining a support surface sized and shaped to engage a piece of equipment, said plurality of raised protrusions defining a first and at least a second groove disposed substantially transverse to said support surface, said first and said second groove sized and shaped to engage a first fastener; and

a third and at least a fourth groove disposed about at least a portion of a first and at least a second side portion of said body, respectively, said third and fourth groove sized and shaped to engage at least a second fastener, wherein said second fastener is disposed around at least part of said body through at least said third and said fourth groove and over said piece of equipment such that said second fastener secures said piece of equipment to said carrier block and wherein said first fastener is disposed about at least a portion of said top surface of said body through said first and second channel such that said first fastener secures said carrier to said vehicle

roof and said plurality of protrusions prevents said first fastener from sliding relative to said carrier.

11. The carrier as claimed in claim 10 wherein said third and said fourth groove are aligned with said first and said second groove.

12. The carrier as claimed in claim 11 wherein said bottom surface further includes at least a fifth groove disposed longitudinally and aligned with said third and fourth groove, said fifth groove sized and shaped to accept second fastener.

13. The carrier as claimed in claim 12 wherein said bottom surface further includes a first cavity disposed longitudinally, said cavity sized and shaped to engage at least part of a roof rack on said vehicle roof.

14. The carrier as claimed in claim 10 wherein said support surface further includes a slot disposed substantially perpendicular to said support surface, said slot sized and shaped to contain at least part of said piece of equipment.

15. The carrier as claimed in claim 14 wherein said slot further includes a cavity disposed at an end opposite said support surface.

16. The carrier as claimed in claim 10 said roof engagement portion further includes a high traction material.